

BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: Missile bases in Turkey

QUESTION: Is it possible that we might again in the near future raise the question of missile bases in Turkey?

ANSWER: Let me quote from my letter of October 27th to Premier Khruschev; "I would like to say again, "I wrote then, "that the United States is very much interested in reducing tensions and halting the arms race; and if your letter signifies that you are prepared to discuss a detente affecting NATO and the Warsaw Pact, we are quite prepared to consider with our allies any useful proposals."